MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Perhaps, in the case of many it may be that they are sent far away from their places.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether, in the interests of efficiency of service, the poor-paid peons should be transferred to distant places without any fault on their part?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): That is not possible. If the member's suggestion should be practicable, each place should have as many peons belonging to that place as there are appointments.

*The Director of State Guests Department.*

251. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government propose to create a new post as the Director of State Guests Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, who was looking after the convenience, etc., of the State Guests till now:

(*c*) what is the salary proposed to be paid to the Director:

(*d*) what necessity there is for the appointment of a Director newly for the purpose;

(*e*) whether it is true that Miss D. H. Watts, the retired Principal of the Women's College, is to be appointed as the Director? and

(*f*) what is the necessity for appointing a lady as the Director?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*e*). The member is referred to Notification R. O. C. No. 1477/33/Genl. the dated the 18th June 1934, published on page 1230 of the Gazette dated the 19th June 1934.

(*b*) The officers of the P. W. and Land Revenue Departments.

(*c*) Rs. 600.

(*d*) Owing to the large influx of distinguished visitors, the necessity for creating a separate department for the entertainment of State Guests under the supervision and control of an officer of status was felt.

(*f*) In the absence of any restriction *re* appointment of ladies, Miss Watts was appointed on account of her fitness for the post.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is one Mr. Irwin as the head of State Guest House?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Irwin is not the head of the State Guests Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Mr. Irwin is not the Superintendent of the State Guests Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the salary of Mr. Irwin in this connection?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): His salary is Rs. 400.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why, in the face of Mr. Irwin another person was appointed as Director of State Guests? (*Laughter*)

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government felt the necessity for a new appointment like the Director of State Guests Department and they appointed Miss Watts as the Directress of that Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the amount of pension that Miss Watts receives today?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rs. 400 is her pension.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long it is since she has retired from service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is a couple of years. I am not quite sure.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether pension would be given even on her present salary as Directress of State Guests Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government expect State Guests every day in the year?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not *every day* in the year.

PRESIDENT: It depends upon the guests. Government have not any programme in this matter.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether her pay is over and above the pension?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, it is over and above her pension.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is there not a rule that retired officers' pension should not exceed the pay if they had continued in service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there is any such definite rule. But generally it is so and in this particular case Government made an exception.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know why this exception was made in this case?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought it necessary to pay Miss Watts Rs. 600 over and above her pension.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): It is true that Government thought it necessary. I want to know the reason why Government thought it necessary.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought that Miss Watts was the best person to be appointed as Directress of the State Guests Department and that for her work she should be paid Rs. 600 over and above her pension. That is the only reason that I can assign for the appointment at present.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I heard the member saying that she was getting Rs. 800 or Rs 900.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She is getting Rs. 400 as pension and so she must have been getting at least Rs. 800 as pay while in service.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there was any applicant for the post ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether they invited applications ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Then, may I know how they came to know that there were no candidates for this post in Travancore or outside ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They knew that Miss Watts was quite suited for the post and so they decided to apppoint her.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the duties of the Superintendent of State Guest House have considerably diminished after the appointment of Directress of the State Guests Department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that the duties of the Superintendent have diminished.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether this appointment was created in pursuance of public agitation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether there was agitation against the creation of this appointment ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that there was any serious agitation against the appointment.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the attention of the Government was drawn to articles published in papers against this appointment ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. E V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know what were the qualifications prescribed for the post ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No qualification has been prescribed for this post under the T. S. R.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know how, in the face of the absence of such qualifications prescribed, Government came to the conclusion that Miss Watts was the best person ?



LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI.** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government knew that Miss Watts was a fit person and so she was appointed.

**PRESIDENT**: She was an old servant of Government and it is supposed they know.

**MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether Miss Watts had any experience in this work?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know how long she had such experience?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She was, for instance, the President of the Committee appointed to look after the guests that attended the Pallikkettu of the First Princess.

**MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Who were the persons that constituted the Committee?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That Committee consisted of Miss. Watts; the Special officer of the Pallikkettu, Mr. Nilakanta Iyer; Mr. M. Govinda Pillai; Registrar of Co-operative Societies; and Mr. A. Nallaperumal Pillai, Sarvadhikariakar.

**MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the claims of those persons were considered at the time of this appointment?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

*Hindu-Nadar Sub-Registrar.*

252. ***MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any Hindu-Nadar as Sub-Registrar in the Registration Department; and

(*b*) whether there are Hindu Nadar graduates serving in the department and, if so, how many?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, there is one.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): May I know the name of the candidate who is employed?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the name here, Sir.

*Medical aid in Puthenchira.*

253. ***MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR** (*Kunnatnad II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the nearest place where medical aid is available for the inhabitants of Puthenchira in the Parur taluk; and

(*b*) whether there is any land route for reaching the place where medical aid is available?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly